

HERE IS THE TRUTH.

CISCO'S PROPOSITION.

WHAT CISCO OFFERS.

After much labor and great pains she has made the following generous offer to the tax payers of the county, namely, that if the county would donate to Cisco \$32,250 she would donate to the county \$3,851 in promised cash, and 16 lots estimated value \$2,150, actual value, \$400 and 65 acres estimated value \$6,500, actual and rendered value as shown by the tax rolls, \$650. Total offer as per Cisco's valuation, \$12,501. Actual value, \$4,901.

WHAT THE COUNTY LOSES BY THE

ABOVE OFFER.

Foundation and stone, \$10 000.
Jail, \$ 3,000.
Three cisterns, \$ 300.
Loss in value of poor farm, \$ 1,000.
Closets and lots, \$ 250.
Loss on present frame court house, \$350.
Cost of moving county property, \$ 500.
Opening of new roads, \$ 5,000

Total, \$ 20,400.
Cisco donation, \$ 4,901.

Total loss to tax payers of Co. \$15 499.

Not only this, but they ask the majority of the tax payers to travel from 10 to 20 miles further to the county seat. And again, the 65 acres to be donated by Chas. Hamilton owned by McHarg and Gates of New York, is not under Hamilton's control and is with other lands covered by heavy mortgage.

TITLE OF EASTLAND COUNTY TO PUBLIC SQUARE.

We, the undersigned attorneys at law do hereby certify that we have examined the title of Eastland county to the block of land on which the court house and jail are situated in the town of Eastland, and we find the county's title to the same perfect and complete. We further find that the county has been in peaceable and uninterrupted possession of the court house site for more than 10 years (to wit 21 years), and the county's title to same is perfect and indefeasible under the Statutes of 10 years limitation. We further find the record title to be perfect and incontrovertible, vesting both the legal and equitable title in Eastland county.

J. H. CALHOUN.
J. R. FROST.
D. K. SCOTT.
H. P. BRELSFORD.
E. A. HILL.
D. G. HUNT.
JAS. K. SCHMICK.
C. D. SPANN.
B. F. COTTON.
R. B. TRULY.
J. T. HAMMONS.
J. L. JOHNSON.

The Insurance.

Eastland, Texas, Jan. 20, 1897.
To Eastland Committee:

Replying to your inquiry of 19th. inst., in reference to present status of insurance on court-house, will say:

The policies under which the court-house was insured provide that in case of a disagreement between the county and the companies as to amount of loss, the same shall be submitted to appraisers, and their award shall determine the amount of loss and the loss shall not become payable until sixty days after such appraisements has been received by the company. The policies further provide that the company shall not be held by submitting to such appraisal to have waived any legal defense they

might have against the payment of such loss. The companies also reserve the right to rebuild within a reasonable time on giving notice within thirty days after the receipt of the award of the appraisers. The award of the appraisers of \$32,250 and proof of loss was sent to six companies about the 8th and to the other two about the 16th of this month, and the companies will have until some time in February in which to rebuild. There has been no money paid on the losses by any of the companies up to this time.

Very truly yours,

B. F. CHASTAIN,
County Judge.

Every one who has seen the rocky hill north of the oil mill at Cisco, has seen the 65 acres, valued by Cisco in her proposition at \$6,500. This same land is valued on the tax rolls in Collector Ramsey's office at \$650, only the little difference of \$5,850. See?

If the people locate the county seat at Cisco the poor farmers will execute more crop mortgages and pay higher prices for goods and also pay for the court house by the sweat of their brows. Cisco has made all she has off the farmers and Cyclone donations.

Cisco claims through the Round-Up, to have made all she is by her own efforts and out of her own pockets. Yes, with Cyclone donations she is a success. We notice that with those donations the rich built fine houses and the poor washerwoman who lost her all got .04 and the veteran Dr. Stout the generous sum of .08. (See report of Cyclone Committee.)

Another bomb from the Cisco Committee but its fuse went out without an explosion. "Why the necessity of Mrs. Ammerman joining in the execution of this deed? If she was a necessary party to this deed, is not the former Mrs. Connellee also a necessary party," they ask. Because the court house square was neither a homestead nor community property. Does the committee understand that? Ask something harder.

Eastland, Tex. Jan. 21, 1897.

I, Jas. K. Schmick hereby certify that when Sheriff, I collected nearly all the judgments mentioned in the Cisco list as being against C. U. Connellee and know some were paid to me as far back as ten years ago. JAS. K. SCHMICK

Eastland, Tex. Jan. 21, 1897.

I, T. H. Conner hereby certify that I hold no claims or judgments against C. U. Connellee, except a balance of some \$9 to \$12 on a judgment in favor of the Tracy estate, and this has been arranged between Mr. N. K. Tracy and Mr. C. U. Connellee, they both assuring me this, Jan. 21, 1897. T. H. CONNER.

Let the Committee call on J. J. Batts and he will say that he, himself paid \$1,000 on the Walker F. Moore judgment and the records so show it. And again, it will be noticed as significant that C. U. Connellee's name only appear in seven out of the twelve as principal. Will you ask J. B. Ammerman about his judgment and get the truth. So much for that election scheme. It won't stand the test.

Is That So?

The Round up says: "Cisco is not asking the county to build her up. She proposes to do that herself out of her own pocket, just as she has always done in the past."

Well, Bro. Vernon, who built her up

in 1893, or is that cyclone caper an imaginary visitation after all, and the thousands of dollars contributed a fake? What about that any way?

Oh! Hush.

Cisco says that with the \$32,250 of the tax payers money added to the magnificent cash subscription of \$3,851 she will build a court house and jail that will cost the tax payers absolutely nothing, and then have left in the treasury another magnificent sum of \$761 in cash. So that the county will have a clear gain of \$761 and \$12,501 and one half cent worth of real estate to be disposed of as best the commissioners court can. Very true that \$12,501.00 1-2 worth of real estate on paper is pretty and tempting, but, oh Jerusalem! when you get it down on the ground and under the eye of the tax assessor the whole thing is swunk up until it amounts to the pitiful, little, magnificent sum of \$1050. (one thousand and fifty dollars.) Is the Cisco committee going to turn our commissioners court into a firm of land and lot speculators, or real estate agents for the benefit of Cisco or for the people? It looks that way. But the people will say no to that game Tuesday. The court is not in that business and neither are the people. Do you hear?

Ready For the Fray.

The committee says: "Cisco is now ready for the fray. She has been laying her plans and we believe she has laid them well."

That is truth, and we hasten to give credit for that one. They have been laid so well that they never will hatch into a court house, although the incubation is warmed by a lavish expenditure of money at \$2.50, \$3 and \$5 a day according to the supposed influence of a man.

The above facts are presented to the voters and tax payers for thoughtful consideration.

Committee: J. P. SHANNON.
D. K. SCOTT.
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SAM COLLINS.
JUNE KIMBLE.

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